

A county jail, detention facility or workhouse is not a person that can be sued under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Rhodes v. McDannel, 945 F.2d 117, 120 (6th Cir. 1991); see also Petty v. County of Franklin,

Ohio, 478 F.3d 341, 347 (6th Cir. 2007) (a county sheriff's department is also not a "person" subject to liability under § 1983).

Given the liberal construction standard for a pro se pleading, the Court construes the complaint as an attempt to state a claim against Davidson County, the entity responsible for the operation of the Detention Facility. The denial of prescribed medication for pain state facts suggestive of an institutional failure. Thus, Plaintiff states a claim for relief and process shall issue to the Director of the Detention Center's medical unit.

An appropriate order will be entered.


WILLIAM J. HAYNES, JR.
United States District Judge